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PRETORIA ALSO FOR AMBASSADOR LOW

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: ALLEGED SWAPO INCURSION INTO CAPRIVI STRIP

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA JUST CALLED TO ALERT
EMBASSY TO GRZ POSITION ON ALLEGED EXCHANGES OF FIRE
BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN AND ZAMBIAN FORCES IN THE SESHEKE
AREA OF ZAMBIA BORDERING THE CAPRIVI STRIP. HE REFERRED
TO SOUTH AFRICAN REPORT THAT ATTEMPTED SWAPO INCURSION
AUGUST 22 HAD LED TO AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN SOUTH
AFRICAN FORCES AND ZAMBIAN MILITARY UNITS. CHONA SAID
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HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT SOUTH AFRICANS CLAIM TO HAVE PINPOINTED
MOVEMENT BY SWAPO UNITS AND HAD OPENED FIRE. SWAPO HAD RE-
TALIATED. ZAMBIAN MILITARY UNITS HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED.
CHONA SAID, IF SWAPO INCURSION HAD TAKEN PLACE IT WAS NOT WITH
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OR APPROVAL OF GRZ AUTHORITIES.

2. HE WISHED TO ASSURE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GRZ NOT TO ALLOW SWAPO TO
DISRUPT THE PROCESS LEADING TO A PEACEFUL NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT.
CHONA SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS INVESTIGATING THE
AUGUST 22 INCIDENT AND WAS PREPARED TO TAKE STEPS TO INSURE
THAT SUCH INCIDENTS DO NOT OCCUR IN THE FUTURE.
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